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*D. Lawrence*  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Hidetaka OSAWA, et al.

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For: PIPETTING APPARATUS AND A METHOD OF PIPETTING A LIQUID

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**AMENDMENT FILED WITH**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in connection with the Request for Continued Examination.